

May 18

## SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

### SEINERS TO LAY UP ON ACCOUNT OF LOW PRICE OF MACKEREL.

Sixteen mackerel seiners came down from Boston yesterday to tie up here in this port until their skippers and owners have had a chance to get together and talk the situation over. The conditions have become so acute that they realize that something must be done if they intend to continue seining. When mackerel drops so low as to only command three-fourths of a cent a pound in May, and even at that ridiculous price, the buyers are not keen about taking them, then it is time for a serious palaver, the fishermen believe.

The talk is now that the skippers intend to hold a meeting sometime this week to see what can be done. At any rate they're here until Saturday, so they tell Squibs. The Fort section of the waterfront where most of the seiners dock, is becoming a real forest of masts that may not be as high as the schooners of other days, but are all the same impressive.

Skipper Gail Lafford is home in the dragger America from Norfolk, Virginia, and docked at the Atlantic Supply wharf yesterday afternoon. He is going to change over to sword-fishing.

Capt. John Hall is expected to bring the dragger Theresa and Dan to port from Norfolk very soon and probably will join the swordfishing fleet.

Another three-sticker arrived in port yesterday afternoon and tied up at the Gloucester Coal and Lumber wharf off Duncan street, having 240,000 feet of spruce, and 75,000 feet of laths consigned to the company. Capt. McCray, and Messrs. Perkins, Storer and Dimick, of what the craft and her crew of cadets, were capable. They had sailing drill, fire drill, man-overboard drill, and other exercises. The man who went overboard was only a life-buoy, but the boys were just as earnest in their purpose of rescuing the object. Capt. Abele was the official host for the day. The Nantucket returned to her berth in the outer harbor about 2 o'clock.

The seiner Mary F. Curtis has stocked \$2911 thus far in the mackerel fishing this season, and the crew have shared \$70.50 each to date.

Skipper Clyde Devine was in port Tuesday with 246 crates of live lobsters in the smack Consolidated consigned to the Consolidated Lobster Company of Bay View, and coming from Tuskett, N. S.

The lobster smack Ile Madame from Canso, N. S., was also in port Tuesday with 272 crates of live lobsters for the same company. These crates hold about 140 pounds each, so they tell Squibs. Capt. R. Munroe is the skipper.

Two amateur fishermen ventured forth in their small boat Sunday, and made the trip in from the Eastern Point light to the pier inside of four hours, according to the latest bulletins, and learned that the next time they wanted a successful cruise, they should have the skipper aboard. It's the Shadow again.

The 125-foot Coast Guard craft Harriet Lane, dropped into port this morning anchoring off the Pancake Ground in the outer harbor.

SQUIBS.

## RECEIPTS NEARLY 119,000 POUNDS

### TWO FARES OF MACKEREL BROUGHT HERE—BIG SEINING FLEET IN HARBOR.

Over 119,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock and cod were brought into the local markets since yesterday with 14 gill netters getting 35,000 pounds, and 17 trawlers with 37,600 pounds.

The mackerel fares were brought here, the St. Theresa arriving from Boston yesterday with 7000 pounds for the Producers Fish Company, and the Antonina, another seiner, landing 40,000 pounds at the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company this morning, an indication of how fierce the market is at Boston.

Practically the entire fleet of 19 seiners in Boston, yesterday, with mackerel, came down here to remain until the end of the week at least, a rare feat for these fishermen who in any sort of times, at this season of the year, rush right back to where the mackerel are schooling. With mackerel prices at 75 cents for 100 pounds, and with the market glutted, there isn't very much sense to waste the oil and food that must be consumed in the time it takes to catch and land the fish, the fishermen argue.

The Gloucester Coal and Lumber Company has an arrival this morning in the form of a three-masted lumber schooner, the Irene Myrtle, with a cargo of lumber from Nova Scotia.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Fannie and Josephine, trawling, 3000 lbs. cod.  
Emily, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.  
Florence C., trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.  
St. Theresa, via Boston, 7000 lbs. mackerel.  
Mary Martin, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.  
Theresa, trawling, 600 lbs. cod.  
Mary Ellen, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.  
Plymouth Rock, trawling, 2500 lbs. cod.  
Florence and John, trawling, 2500

## FURTHER DROP IN MACKEREL PRICE

### BOSTON'S MINIMUM HIT 75 CENTS PER 100 THIS MORNING.

Ten at Boston's fish pier this morning were practically "out of luck" as the market slumped to 75 cents to \$1 per 100 pounds prime seine fish and it was hard work to sell at that give-away price. The fleet brought in 454,000 pounds, with fares ranging from 35,000 to 60,000 pounds.

Twenty beam trawlers, haddockers and draggers were also on hand at the opening with 615,000 pounds of groundfish and 120,000 pounds of mixed fish. Prices were low on these varieties. Haddock sold at \$1.60 to \$2.25; large cod, \$2 and markets, \$1.50 to \$2.

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The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Brookline, 86,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Patrick J. O'Hara, 56,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.  
Andover, 37,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.  
Rita B., 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Geraldine and Phyllis, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Elk, 39,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Mary E. O'Hara, 54,000 haddock, 26,000 cod.  
Wanderer, 100,000 haddock, 43,000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
J. M. Marshall, 35,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2500 pollock.  
Teazer, 34,000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
St. Providenza II., 8600 mixed fish.  
Lawrence Scola, 9000 mixed fish.  
Frances C., 3900 mixed fish.  
Jackson and Arthur, 5400 mixed fish.  
Eddie and Lulu M., 8000 mixed fish.  
Carmella, 2300 mixed fish.  
Maria Guiseppe, 1800 mixed fish.  
St. Mary, 3000 mixed fish.  
San Antonio, 1500 mixed fish.  
Lucy, 1000 mixed fish.  
Rosalie, 51,000 mackerel.  
Florence K., 39,000 mackerel.  
Alicia, 50,000 mackerel.

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